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Trump pledge to ‘immediately’ end protectionsforMinnesota Somalis sparks fear and legal questions

By JAKE OFFENHARTZ Associated Press
President Donald Trump's pledge to terminate temporary legal protections for Somalis living in Minnesota is triggering fear in the state's deeply-rooted immigrant community, along with doubts about whether the White House has the legal authority to enact the directive as described.

In a Truth Social post late Friday, Trump said he would “immediately” strip Somali residents in Minnesota of Temporary Protected Status, a legal safeguard against deportation for immigrants from certain countries.

The announcement drew



President Donald Trump walks towards reporters from the South Lawn of the White House, Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025, in Washington, en route to Joint Base Andrews. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

the National Immigrant Justice Center. “This is Trump doing what he always does: demagoguing immigrants without justice just 705 nationwide. “I am a citizen and so are (the) majority of Somalis in America,” Minnesota Rep.

Islamic Relations. “It is a political attack on the Somali and Muslim community driven by Islamophobic and hateful rhetoric.”

In his social media post, Trump claimed, without offering evidence, that Somali gangs had targeted Minnesota residents and referred to the state as a “hub of fraudulent money laundering activity.”

Federal prosecutors have in recent weeks brought charges against dozens of people in a social-services fraud scheme. Some of the defendants hail from Somalia. “Accountability is coming,” Minnesota Republican Rep. Tom Emmer wrote in response to that story. Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, a Democrat, has noted that Minnesota consistently ranks among the safest states in the country. “It’s not surprising that the President has chosen to broadly target an entire community,” Walz said Friday. “This is what he does to change the subject.”

In response to Trump's announcement, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison his office was “exploring all of our options,” adding that Trump “cannot terminate TPS for just one state or on a bigoted whim.” “Somali folks came to Minnesota fleeing conflict, instability and famine, and they have become an integral part of our state, our

culture and our community,” he added.

The protection has been extended 27 times for Somalis since 1991, with U.S. authorities determining that it was unsafe for people already in the United States to return there.

Somalia for decades has been regarded as one of the world's most dangerous countries. People have been fleeing ever since leader Siad Barre was removed in 1991 by clan-based militias and civil war erupted. The chaos later led to the rise of the al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab militant group, which still holds parts of the country and carries out deadly attacks in the capital, Mogadishu, and elsewhere against the fragile federal government.

Community advocates note that the Somali diaspora in Minnesota has helped to revitalize downtown corridors in Minneapolis and plays a prominent role in the state's politics.

“The truth is that the Somali community is beloved and long-woven into the fabric of many neighborhoods and communities in Minnesota,” said Altman. “Destabilizing families and communities makes all of us less safe and not more.”

As part of a broader push to adopt hardline immigration policies, the Trump administration has moved to withdraw various protections that had allowed immigrants to remain in the United States and work legally. That included ending TPS for 600,000 Venezuelans and 500,000 Haitians who were granted protection under President Joe Biden. The Trump administration has also sought to limit protections previously extended to migrants from Cuba and Syria, among other countries. □

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Trump's breakup with Greene is not the same as others. But like always, there may be second chances

By BILL BARROW Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — President Donald Trump's chaotic political universe has at least one consistent law that rises above any other: The president has no permanent friends and no permanent enemies.

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, the Georgia lawmaker who announced plans to leave Congress in January, is the latest figure to test that Trumpian rule. Throughout his political career, the president has sparred with Republicans who, recognizing his grip on the party, eventually came into or returned to the fold, often in senior administration positions.

And already on Saturday, Trump referred to Greene as "a nice person," hours after calling her a "traitor." Yet Greene, who originated as a leading face of the "Make America Great Again" movement, supported Trump's false claims that his 2020 election defeat was fraudulent and shares his pugilistic style. So she offers a notable contrast to the typical Trump roller coaster faced by other Republicans. Those mostly mainstream conservatives begrudgingly endured the president before finally citing some breaking point or tagged Trump as a threat to democracy only to join his ranks as he remade the GOP in his own image.

In the end, Greene and Trump fell out not over ideological differences or fundamental fissures over his character but rather disagreements over the Jeffrey Epstein files and health care. With her planned departure, Greene becomes the most prominent MAGA figure to break with Trump, and what that means for both of them is an open question.

"I have fought harder than almost any other elected Republican to elect Donald Trump and Republicans



FIG 1: FILE - Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., speaks before Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump at a campaign event at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, Oct. 15, 2024, in Atlanta. (AP Photo/John Bazemore, File)

to power," Greene said in her Friday video announcing her plans.

"It's all sort of out of left field," said Kevin Bishop, a former longtime aide to Sen. Lindsey Graham, a stark example of a Trump critic-turned-ally. What's clear, Bishop said, is that Trump, even with lagging approval ratings overall, retains "great sway over the activists and, frankly, all corners of the Republican Party."

A 'transactional' president has long subdued internal GOP critics

Trump was not always the undisputed center of Republican power and identity. Even as he took control of a crowded GOP presidential field in 2016, his rivals pummeled him.

Graham, the South Carolina senator, called him a "kook" and a "race-baiting, xenophobic, religious bigot." Within a few years, he was among Trump's biggest fans in the Senate, calling him "my president." Marco Rubio, then a Florida senator and now Trump's secretary of state, called him a "con artist" and "the most vulgar person to ever aspire to the presidency." He and Trump exchanged veiled insults about each other's male anatomy.

During that same campaign, a young author and future Vice President JD Vance wrote a New York Times op-ed titled:

"Mr. Trump Is Unfit For Our Nation's Highest Office." Vance's former roommate disclosed a text message in which Vance compared Trump to Adolf Hitler, Nazi Germany's authoritarian author of the Holocaust. By 2021, Vance was a first-time Senate candidate from Ohio who sang Trump's praises on immigration, trade and other matters.

For Republicans who did not make that about-face, their political careers nearly always faced dead ends. Those recognizing the cost of their decisions course corrected.

Sen. Bill Cassidy was among the few Republicans who voted to convict Trump after he left office in 2021. Yet eyeing reelection in 2026, the Louisiana physician provided Trump the deciding committee vote to confirm the controversial Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as health secretary.

Greene noted the trends. "Most of the establishment Republicans who secretly hate him and who stabbed him in the back and never defended him against anything have all been welcomed in right after the election," she said.

Personalities, golf and his own definition of loyalty explain Trump's approach Bishop said those flips aren't simply about politicians being politicians but about Trump bringing the vibes of real estate and marketing



FIG 2: Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., arrives to a news conference on the Epstein Files Transparency Act, Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025, outside the U.S. Capitol in Washington. (AP Photo/Julia Demaree Nikhinson)

to politics.

"He views the presidency as slightly more transactional than maybe the way people in politics view the world," Bishop said. "A businessman says, 'Well, we fought over this deal. But in a couple of years maybe we can work together and put together another deal.'"

Bishop, who worked in Graham's Senate office throughout Trump's first presidency, said Trump "came out of the hospitality industry" and, despite his harshest policies and rhetoric, is less inclined to judge political opponents and allies in ideological or philosophical terms.

It's a trait Trump put on display in the Oval Office on Friday in a friendly meeting with New York Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani, a democratic socialist the president has previously mislabeled as a communist. Mamdani broke through, perhaps, by doing something Trump appreciates most: winning. Bishop said Graham did it with "a great sense of humor" that Trump appreciated and because they bonded on the golf course. "You spend three or four hours on a golf course," he said. "That's a lot of time to get to know someone."

Graham once offered a simpler explanation, telling The New York Times that his evolution on Trump was a way "to try to be relevant."

Trump has implicitly opened the door for making up with Greene

It's notable that one of Greene's fights — releasing the Epstein files — went her way, not Trump's. The president framed his retreat as something he was fine with all along. Even on health care, Greene can claim some measure of victory. The White House and GOP Hill leaders have countered expiring health insurance tax credits by offering a different potential subsidy: direct payments to consumers as they shop for policies.

Greene certainly has options. She has personal financial security, with her ethics disclosures suggesting a net worth in the many millions of dollars. She has 1.6 million followers on X. She has long been a feature on the conservative media circuit — notably dating Brian Glenn, a right-wing White House correspondent for Real America's Voice. And her recent break with Trump came with appearances on mainstream media, including ABC's "The View."

She could still run for Georgia governor, which will be an open seat, or for the U.S. Senate seat held by Democratic Sen. Jon Ossoff. But Greene acknowledged Trump's potential power in her heavily Republican House district, saying she wanted to spare her constituents an ugly primary fight. □

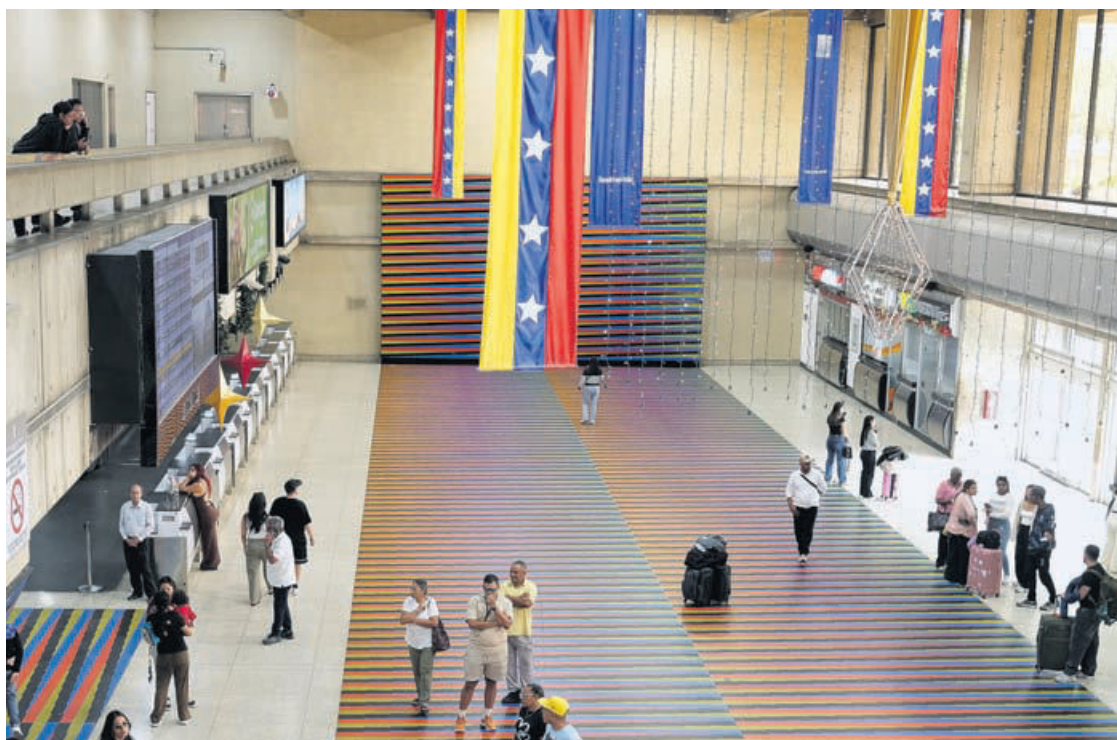
Airlines cancel flights to Venezuela after FAA warns of worsening security, military activity

CARACAS (AP) — International airlines increasingly canceled flights to Venezuela on Sunday after the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration warned pilots to use caution when flying in the country's airspace because of worsening security and heightened military activity.

Marisela de Loaiza, president of the Airlines Association in Venezuela, told The Associated Press that six carriers have indefinitely suspended flights: TAP, LATAM, Avianca, Iberia, Gol and Caribbean. Turkish Airlines suspended flights from Nov. 24 to 28.

Colombian President Gustavo Petro wrote Sunday on X that "there must be regular flights to all Latin American countries and from Latin America and the world."

"Countries are not blocked, because blocking countries means blocking people,



Travelers wait in the main hall of the Simon Bolivar Maiquetia International Airport in Maiquetia, Venezuela, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2025, after several international airlines canceled flights following a warning from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration about a hazardous situation in Venezuelan airspace. (AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

ple, and that is a crime against humanity," Petro added.

On Friday, the FAA warned pilots that unspecified

threats "could pose a potential risk to aircraft at all altitudes" as well as planes taking off and landing in the country and even aircraft on the ground.

The warning came as the Trump administration has ramped up pressure on Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro. The U.S. military has conducted bomber

flights up to the coast of Venezuela, sometimes as part of a training exercise to simulate an attack, and sent the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford into the region.

The Ford aircraft carrier and several destroyers were just the latest addition to the largest U.S. force assembled in the Caribbean Sea near Venezuela in generations. The Trump administration does not see Maduro, who faces charges of narcoterrorism in the U.S., as the legitimate leader of the South American country.

The Trump administration also has carried out a series of strikes on small boats in the Caribbean Sea and eastern Pacific Ocean that it accuses of ferrying drugs to the U.S., killing over 80 people in total since the campaign began in early September. □

Israel says it killed a senior Hezbollah official in first strike on Beirut in months

By FADI TAWIL and KAREEM CHEHAYEB Associated Press

HARETHREIK, Lebanon (AP) — Israel on Sunday struck Lebanon's capital for the first time since June, saying it killed Hezbollah's chief of staff Haytham Tabtabai and warning the Iran-backed militant group not to rearm and rebuild a year after their latest war.

The strike in Beirut's southern suburbs killed five people and wounded 25 others, Lebanon's Health Ministry said.

Hezbollah did not immediately comment. Earlier, it said the strike, launched almost exactly a year after a ceasefire ended that Israel-Hezbollah war, threatened an escalation of attacks — just days before Pope Leo XIV is scheduled to visit Lebanon on his first foreign trip.

"We will continue to act forcefully to prevent any



Civil Defence workers inspect the damage after an apartment was hit during an Israeli airstrike on Dahiyeh in the southern suburb of Beirut, Sunday Nov. 23, 2025. (AP Photo/Bilal Hussein)

threat to the residents of the north and the state of Israel," Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz said in a statement. Government spokesperson Shosh Bedrosian did not say whether Israel informed close ally the United States before the strike, saying only that "Israel makes decisions independently." Israel did not issue an evacuation warning.

Tabtabai had led Hezbollah's elite Radwan Unit. Israel's military said he "commanded most of Hezbollah's units and worked hard to restore them to readiness for war with Israel."

Israel's foreign affairs ministry said his killing came after repeated Hezbollah violations of the ceasefire.

In 2016, the U.S. designated Tabtabai as a terrorist, calling him a military leader who led Hezbollah's special forces in Syria and Yem-

men, and it offered up to \$5 million for information about him.

Tabtabai had been the apparent successor of Ibrahim Aqil, who was killed in September 2024 in Israeli attacks that wiped out much of Hezbollah's senior leadership, including longtime leader Hassan Nasrallah.

'Escalation of assaults' Earlier, at the scene of Sunday's strike, Mahmoud Qamati, deputy chair of Hezbollah's political council, told journalists that a high-ranking militant may have been killed but did not give details.

"Hezbollah's leadership is studying the matter of response and will take the appropriate decision," Qamati said. "The strike on the southern suburbs today opens the door to an escalation of assaults all over Lebanon."

Israeli airstrikes over south-

ern Lebanon have intensified in recent weeks while Israel and the United States have pressured Lebanon to disarm the powerful militant group. Israel asserts that Hezbollah is trying to rebuild its military capabilities in southern Lebanon. The Lebanese government, which has approved its military's plan that would disarm Hezbollah, has denied those claims.

Lebanon's President Joseph Aoun in a statement condemned Sunday's strike and accused Israel of refusing to implement its end of the ceasefire agreement. He called on the international community to "intervene with strength and seriousness to stop the attacks on Lebanon and its people."

Israel's military statement said Israel remains committed to the "understandings" agreed upon by Israel and Lebanon. □

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Bolsonaro's conviction brings vindication for some Brazilians who lost loved ones to COVID-19

By Gabriela Sa Pessoa and Eeonore Hughes
Associated Press
SAO PAULO (AP) — Smone Guimarães, a retired 52-year-old teacher in Rio de Janeiro, lost at least five relatives to COVID-19: her husband, sister, two brothers-in-law and the godfather of her grandchild. She also lost friends and neighbors.

She woke to the news on Saturday that Brazil's Supreme Court ordered the preemptive arrest of former President Jair Bolsonaro, whom she blames for her losses. A judge claimed Bolsonaro was intent on escaping days before he was set to begin a 27-year prison sentence for attempting a coup after losing the 2022 presidential election to Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

"It's a small beginning of justice starting to be served," she said. "Impunity has to end at some point. And in his case, we endured a lot."

Social media filled with posts Saturday remembering people lost to COVID-19, which also happened in September when the Supreme Court convicted Bolsonaro, even though the legal case had nothing to do with the former president's pandemic response.

Guimarães followed every vote in Bolsonaro's trial. She was at a hospital with her sister in 2021 when Bolsonaro, who was president at the time, mimicked patients gasping for air.

"I had my forehead against my sister's. She said, 'I can't breathe,'" Guimarães recalled. Her sister later died. "I can't even bring myself to say his name."



Smone Guimarães holds a photo of herself with her husband, who died from COVID at her home in Sao Goncalo, Rio de Janeiro state, Wednesday, Nov 19, 2025. (AP Photo/Silvia Izquierdo)

She now feels indirectly vindicated, like many other Brazilians who lost relatives to the disease. They say Bolsonaro's conviction and imprisonment cleansed their souls without delivering justice for their grief.

"I'm very afraid that this conviction for crimes related to the coup will lessen the convictions for other crimes committed during the pandemic," said Diego Orsi, a 41-year-old translator in Sao Paulo, the nation's largest city. "I feel a bit like the Nuremberg trials had convicted the Nazis for invading Poland, and not for genocide."

Growing up and then apart Orsi grew up alongside his cousin, Henrique Cavalari. They were like brothers. In old family photos, the two appear together blowing out birthday candles.

As teenagers, Cavalari introduced Orsi to rock bands. Politically, however, they drifted apart. Orsi considers himself progressive

while Cavalari backed Bolsonaro.

"My uncle always leaned right, and my cousin grew up with that mindset," Orsi said. "During the pandemic, he became convinced there was nothing to worry about, that social distancing restricted freedom and the priority should be protecting the economy."

Cavalari ran a motorcycle repair shop and was a staunch Bolsonaro supporter. He couldn't afford to close his shop and the far-right leader's rhetoric resonated with the mechanics, who attended his rallies even during the deadliest months of the pandemic.

In June 2021, thousands of the president's supporters rode motorcycles through Sao Paulo with Bolsonaro. That same month, Cavalari died from COVID-19 complications. He was 41.

Orsi wasn't 100% sure if Cavalari was at the motorcycle rally, but said his

cousin attended previous similar events.

"He was newly married, paying rent on his business. He needed the money," Orsi said, recalling he couldn't visit Cavalari in the hospital intensive care unit because only immediate family was allowed. "But I was told one of the last things he said was to warn his parents to take care, that the disease was serious."

Orsi's family remains divided, much like the rest of Brazil, and he believes Bolsonaro's conviction will not change public opinion or reconcile other families.

Feeling grief and vindication Bolsonaro denied wrongdoing during his trial. Earlier this month, the Supreme Court unanimously rejected an appeal from his legal team, though another may come this week. Before his arrest Saturday, he had been under house arrest since August.

"I would have preferred that he was arrested for allowing 700,000 Brazilians to die, many deaths that could have been avoided, perhaps by speeding up the vaccine rollout," Orsi told The Associated Press. "But since he is being tried and convicted for other crimes, it cleanses our soul. It gives us a sense that justice has been served."

There have been more than 700,000 deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Brazil since 2020, the world's second-highest toll after the United States.

In 2021, epidemiologists at the Federal University of

Pelotas estimated 4 in 5 of those deaths could have been avoided if the Bolsonaro administration had supported containment measures and accelerated vaccine purchases.

Bolsonaro's government ignored repeated pleas to sign additional vaccine contracts. He publicly questioned the reliability of shots and mocked contract terms, once suggesting Pfizer recipients would have no legal recourse if they "turned into alligators." Brazil faced vaccine shortages and doses were released in phases by age and health risk.

Cavalari died just weeks before he would have been eligible for his first dose, Orsi said.

The same happened to the father of Fábio de Maria, a 45-year-old teacher in Sao Paulo.

"When he was admitted to the hospital, he was about 15 days away from being eligible for his first shot," de Maria said. "That delay was fatal for him and many others."

His father died in May 2021 at age 65. De Maria blames Bolsonaro and other officials he believes were complicit, but he said the former president's conviction doesn't bring justice.

"Many people feel vindicated, and I don't blame them. Bolsonaro provoked a lot of anger in many people, including me," he said. "But I don't believe there has been justice for those who died of COVID-19, because that is not why Bolsonaro was convicted." □

Pope calls on kidnappers in Nigeria to free 265 students and teachers after 50 pupils escape

By Chinedu Asadu

Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Fifty of the 303 schoolchildren abducted from a Catholic school in north-central Nigeria's Niger state have escaped captivity and are now with their families, the school authority said Sunday, bringing relief to some distraught families after one of the largest school abductions in Nigeria's history.

The schoolchildren, aged between 10 and 18, escaped individually between Friday and Saturday, according to the Most Rev. Bulus Dauwa Yohanna, chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria in Niger state and the proprietor of the school.

The pope on Sunday called for the immediate release of the remaining schoolchildren and staff.

A total of 253 schoolchildren and 12 teachers are still being held by the kidnappers, Yohanna said in a statement. "We were able to ascertain this when



People stand near a display local newspapers on the street of Lagos with headlines on gunmen abducting schoolchildren and staff of the St. Mary's Catholic Primary and Secondary School in Papiri community in Nigeria, Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025. (AP Photo/Sunday Alamba)

we decided to contact and visit some parents," he added.

The pupils and students were seized together with their teachers by gunmen who attacked the St. Mary's School, a Catholic institution in Niger state's remote Papiri community, on Friday.

No group has yet claimed responsibility for the abductions and Nigerian authorities have not shared any update on rescue efforts. It was not immediately clear where the Niger state chil-

dren were being held or how they managed to return home.

The Niger state school is located near a major road linking the towns of Yelwa and Mokwa, and is in a region of Nigeria where armed gangs often operate out of vast forests that connect different states and conflict hot spots.

"As much as we receive the return of these 50 children that escaped with some sigh of relief, I urge you all to continue in your prayers for the rescue and

safe return of the remaining victims," the Yohanna said.

Pope Leo XIV called for the immediate release of the schoolchildren and staff of the school, saying at the end of a mass in St. Peter's square on Sunday that he was "deeply saddened" by the incident.

"I feel great sorrow, especially for the many girls and boys who have been abducted and for their anguished families," the pontiff said. "I make a heartfelt appeal for the immediate release of the hostages and urge the competent authorities to take appropriate and timely decisions to ensure their release."

School kidnappings have come to define insecurity in Africa's most populous nation, and armed gangs often see schools as "strategic" targets to draw more attention. At least 1,500 students have been seized in Nigeria since the famous kidnapping of the Chibok schoolgirls more than a decade ago, and many of the children were

released only after ransoms were paid.

The Niger state attack happened four days after 25 schoolchildren were seized in similar circumstances in neighboring Kebbi state's Maga town, which is 170 kilometers (106 miles) away.

Both states are in a northern region of Nigeria where dozens of armed gangs have used kidnapping for ransom as one way of dominating remote communities with little government and security presence.

Niger state hurriedly closed down all schools after Friday's attack, while some federal colleges in conflict hotspots across the region were also closed by the Nigerian government. The kidnappings are happening on the backdrop of U.S. President Donald Trump's claims of "Christian persecution" in the West African country. Attacks in Nigeria affect both Christians and Muslims. The school attack earlier this week in Kebbi state was in a Muslim-majority town. □

Sectarian tensions flare in Syria's Homs after the killing of a Bedouin couple

Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — The killing of a husband and wife from a Bedouin tribe in Syria's Homs province on Sunday triggered renewed sectarian tensions.

The bodies were found at their home in the town of Zaidal, "with signs that the wife had been burned," state-run news agency SANA reported, adding that "sectarian slogans were also found at the crime scene."

"This attack appears to have the goal of fueling sectarian divisions and undermining stability in the region," Maj. Gen. Murhaf al-Nassan, head of internal security in Homs, said in a statement.

The U.K.-based war monitor



Women walk past a wall with a graffiti reading in Arabic "We will remain here, Assad" in the city of Homs, Syria, Friday, Nov. 21, 2025. (AP Photo/Omar Sanadiki)

Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that following the killing, members of the Bani Khaled tribe to which the victims belonged descended on an Alawite-majority neighborhood in Homs and carried out "acts of arson

and vandalism" targeting dozens of homes, vehicles and private properties, and opened fire indiscriminately.

The observatory said dozens of people were injured, but there was no official

report of casualties. The Supreme Alawite Islamic Council in Syria and the Diaspora said in a statement that at least two people were killed and 10 injured and appealed to the international community to intervene "to stop these attacks and protect civilians in the Alawite neighborhoods of Homs."

Security forces managed to regain control of the area and imposed an overnight curfew. Syria's Interior Ministry in a statement urged citizens to "remain calm and allow the investigation (into the killings) to unfold without interference."

Homs, the country's third-largest city, has a mixed population of Sunni and Shiite Muslims, Alawites and Christians.

Tensions erupted in the city in the weeks after former President Bashar Assad, a member of the Alawite minority, was unseated in an offensive led by Sunni Islamist rebels. But since then the situation in Homs has largely remained calm.

The city was spared from the major outbreak of sectarian violence on Syria's coast in March. After pro-Assad armed groups ambushed members of the new government's security forces on the coast, the ensuing clashes escalated into revenge attacks in which hundreds of Alawite civilians were killed.

A trial opened last week of some of the hundreds of suspects linked to the coastal violence. □

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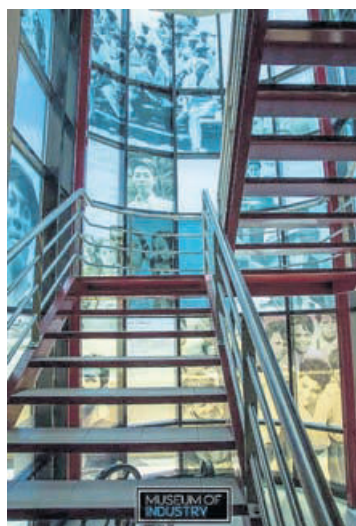
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Museum of Industry Aruba
The Museum of Industry is located in San Nicolas. This museum presents the history of gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and tourism through elaborated displays and multimedia installations.

The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower and narrates Aruba's industrial history which began in the 19th century. The Water Tower was built in 1939 and consists of three sections: the substructure, the high-rising vertical shaft, and the tank at the top. The Water Tower was purchased by the Monuments fund in 2003 so it could be restored and preserved as one of Aruba's monuments. The Museum of Industry is part of Aruban Museum Foundation (FMA), which is a foundation that maintains, preserves, and protects the Aruban cultural sector, history, and nature. The museum of Industry is open daily from 9 am till 6 pm.

For more information check out their Facebook page: Museum of Industry Aruba.

Archaeological Museum of



Aruba
The Archaeological Museum of Aruba is located at Schelpstraat 42 in downtown Oranjestad. The renovated historic Ecury complex in downtown Oranjestad has been transformed from a family home to a modern museum that preserves Aruba's Amerindian cultural heritage. This 21st century museum is especially designed to preserve valuable artifacts dating back to the Pre-Ceramic period of 2500 BC.

In the late 1980's AMA identified its need for an adequate housing for its collection and activities. After studying various options, a project proposal was drawn up, including the acquisition and restoration of historical buildings in downtown Oranjestad.

These historical buildings were formerly the property of the Ecury family. The "Ecury Complex", is a cluster of single and two-story historic buildings, mainly Dutch colonial architecture



from the late 19th and 20th century on a plot of approximately 1,700 m2.

In 1997 the Aruban Government bought the complex for the National Archaeological Museum project. In 2004 a financial agreement was signed with the European Development Fund and in 2006 restoration and construction work began on the monumental buildings and the new to build exhibition space. In December 2007 the key to the complex was delivered and the museum's employees moved to the new location. The final design for the exhibit was completed in November 2007 and the permanent exhibit, financed by the Aruban Government and the Union of Cultural Organizations (UNOCA), opened in July 2009.

At the new location the National Archaeological Museum Aruba uses approximately 500 m2 for its permanent exhibit. This exhibit showcases archaeo-



logical objects and conveys modern exhibition techniques information on the origin and culture of the first inhabitants of the island. The new permanent exhibit gives the visitor an insight into the cultures that inhabited the island in Pre-Historical and Early Historical times. The museum regularly hosts public seminars, special exhibitions and workshop for visitors to

enjoy.
The museum is open daily from 9 am till 5 pm.

For more information check out the Facebook page National Archaeological Museum Aruba or website: www.manaruba.org

Editor's note: Pictures are property of the respective museums.

Feeling parched? Grab refreshment by the side of the road!

(Oranjestad)—Touring the island in the blistering heat can leave one feeling rather thirsty and looking to cool off. Luckily there are a few stands along the roads

of Aruba that can offer you just what you need: a nice, refreshing beverage! These "coconut stands" can be found at several locations on the island,

where you can cool off with delicious smoothies, drinks, snacks, and of course, fresh coconuts! Perfect during family outings around the island,

these stands can be found in the following locations:

- Near the red Anchor in San Nicolas
- On the Linear Park in Oranjestad (in

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Fun facts about cacti hedges “Trankera”

(Oranjestad) – When off-roading in inland Aruba, you may notice some cacti hedges around various properties or lined up by certain pathways. These man-made hedges are called “trankera” and play an important role in maintaining our flora and fauna.

The trankera dates to colonialism, where settlers established several ‘cunucu’ (farm) on the island. People either used stone walls or trankera as a fence to ward off strangers and wild animals that can feed on the cunucu vegetation or cattle.



Nowadays, trankeras are less common, and those that still stand are often not

maintained. On the surface this seems like a bad development, however this proved to be beneficial for our flora and fauna. Naturally developed flora around the hedges offers more shelter for fauna. Another aspect is the propagation process. When pruning hedges, flowers and seeds were removed, which limits propagation to a minimum. So, though trankeras don't play that big of a role in Aruba's agriculture anymore, our environment still reaps the benefits of these long-standing natural structures.



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Aruba's Nature is to be Cherished

The national park Arikok comprises almost 18 % of the island. Its rugged terrain, desert-like hills filled with tall cacti, breathtaking coastline and protected local flora and fauna welcome you to be explored. There are more places on the island that are a preserved area like the Bubali Plas which is a bird sanctuary.

The national park Arikok takes you on a memorable journey of the island's past offering unique geological, cultural and historical sites. These can all be enjoyed and explored either on your own or during guided tours. A wide variety of educational and informative programs and fun activities is available.

Did you know that four of the in total seven species of sea turtle lay their eggs on Aruba's beaches during breeding season? In the national park, a Least



Tern (*Sterna antillarum*) keeps a strict eye on a very special event taking place below on the beach: a majestic Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) heads back to sea after laying her eggs, while another nest laid 2 months ago by the same female hatches. A very rare occurrence of daytime nesting and hatching. Sea turtles prefer nesting in the cool and dark hours of the night. And hatchlings usually wait for

the cue of cooling surface sand before emerging.

Bubali Magic
This beautiful close-up image of the pink bird is courtesy of Michiel Oversteegen of the Aruba Birdlife Conservation. This important foundation showcases and builds awareness of Aruba's birds and other native flora and fauna. You may have seen a 'pink cloud' lately at the Bubali or Spanish Lagoon Wetlands areas? It's most likely to be Roseate Spoonbills (*Ajaia ajaja*) or 'Chucharon Cora' as they are known in Papiamentu. This unusual looking bird forages in shallow muddy water while sweeping its flattened bill from side to side to catch small fish, crustaceans and other aquatic invertebrates. The Roseate Spoonbill remains an uncommon sight as they are vulnerable to degradation of feeding and nesting habitats (Wetlands).



The afore mentioned is just a part of what Aruba's nature has to offer. We cannot stress enough to go, see for yourself. The island has the most beautiful beaches but it is also worthwhile to go beyond this and get an idea of our entire island. Lately there is a discussion going on about the effect certain activities have on our nature, for example the ATV vehicles cause a lot of dust, noise and leave tire

tracks. Animals live in these areas where the vehicles run, often with high speed and with detrimental consequences to flora and fauna. Motorized vehicles are forbidden to drive on the sand dunes in the Northern part of the island and all beaches in Aruba are forbidden for any motorized vehicle. Treasure our island to enjoy it like you do: as a tropical and natural paradise. We truly appreciate it!

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The stories of “Compa Nanzi”

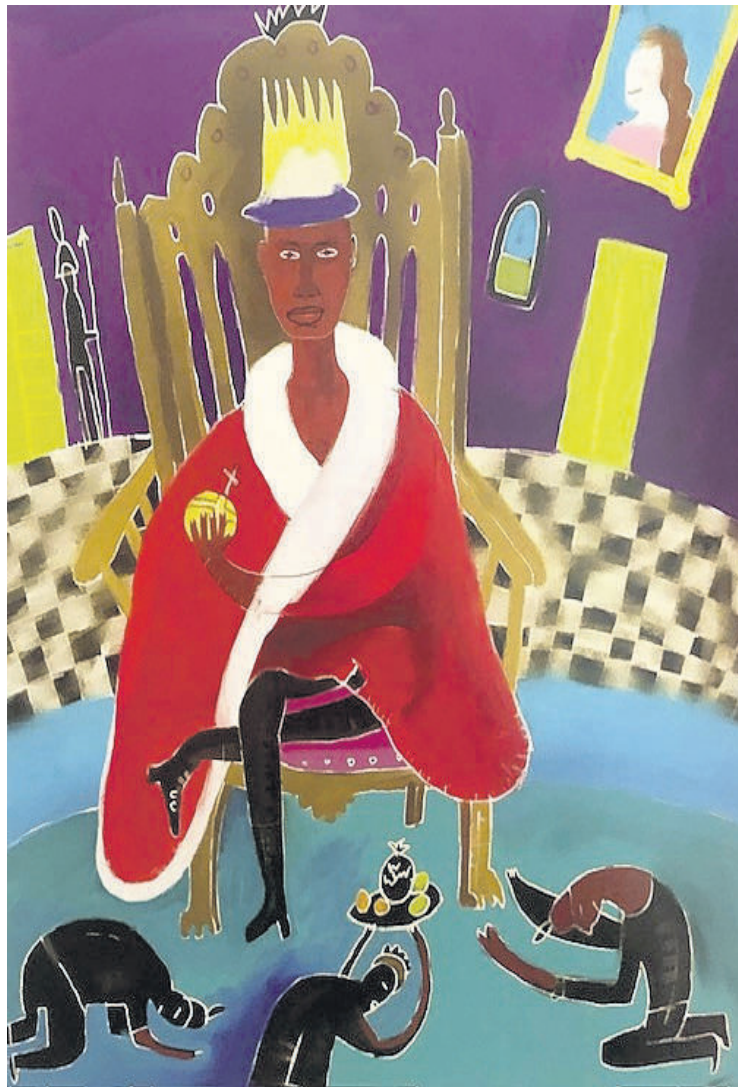
(Oranjestad)—The most popular character you may hear about in the Caribbean is Anansi, known locally on Aruba as “Compa Nanzi”. Local children grew up hearing the tales of the conniving spider, and his legacy forms part of the oral narrative tradition that is common in Aruba.

Although the stories are most popular in the Caribbean, “Compa Nanzi” is not entirely unknown globally, especially not in the West African region. Brought to the “new world” by enslaved Africans from Ghana, the historical thread of how Nanzi was introduced on Aruba follows the enslaved Africans in Curaçao during the colonial era, which saw the biggest population of enslaved Africans in the Dutch Caribbean.

The stories of Compa Nanzi were a sign of hope for freedom among the slaves, who passed around different stories involving the famous spider through word of mouth, due to not being able to express their native culture in the new world. These stories were a way to not only preserve their culture, but it acted as a medium for relief during the harsh treatment to which they were subjected to.

It wasn't until the end of the nineteenth century that the stories of Nanzi were written down in different languages. However, not all stories are completely alike in every country, as is the risk of oral story telling. However, one thing will always be dominant in Compa Nanzi's stories: his sneaky ways to get what he wants!

How Nanzi fooled the king
One day Nanzi was taking a stroll near the castle of Shon Arei, the king. He had this sudden urge to walk in. He didn't think too much about it and committed to what he had in mind. It was a warm afternoon, and the castle personnel were taking their afternoon nap. Even the soldier guarding the castle door was fast asleep, snoring so loud that



his beard bounced up and down on his chin. Nanzi just slipped past him, looked back for a moment then walk right on in.

Nanzi stumbled upon the king's quarters. With all his excitement he sat in the king's throne, and put on his crown that was hanging on the side of the throne. It was very hot that day, and it wasn't long until Nanzi too fell asleep, right there on the king's throne. He was so deep in sleep and snoring so loud, that even when the king found him in his seat, Nanzi did not even notice.

Shon Arei was flabbergasted by the sight of Nanzi on his throne, wearing Nanzi's crown. How disrespectful! “Soldiers, get him!” he commanded. Nanzi was sound asleep, but when the soldiers picked him up, he jumped from fright. By then though, the soldier already had him in their hold.

“Put him in a sack, stitch it up and throw him in the ocean!” the king said furiously. Two soldiers immediately entered the chamber, took the crown off

Nanzi's head and pushed him in a sack.

Nanzi was terrified; it looks like this time he won't get away with his schemes. To get to the ocean, the soldier walked a long distance, and where beginning to feel very thirsty. Luckily they passed by a pub, and decided to have a nice cold beer. They set the sack with Nanzi in it outside and went to enjoy the refreshments. Nanzi was still trembling with fear in the sack.

What is that he hears? A herd of sheep walking by? “Compadre, listen here!” Nanzi screamed as loud as he could. The sheep herder got close to the sack. “What is this?”

“Man, there is something very beautiful in here that you can see. It's very rare and strange, but indeed, there is something so beautiful in here that you've never seen or will ever see,” Nanzi told the herder.

The herder, very dumb, believed Nanzi's word. “Let me see!” he said. “Well if you must insist,”

Nanzi said, “I'll let you take a look, but only for a quick second.” The herder opened the sack, and Nanzi immediately jumped out. Before the herder could even take a look into the sack, Nanzi pushed him in it, and the herder fell head first in.

Nanzi didn't waste any time, and closed off the sack real tight. He then picked up the herder's hat and starting walking behind the traveling sheep as if nothing happened. After a little while, the soldiers headed back outside to continue their journey. As they picked up the sack, the poor herder started screaming to let him out, but the soldiers ignored him, thinking it was Nanzi.

Shon Arei went strolling a while later. He thought to himself: “This time Nanzi could not get away with his foolishness. He probably drowned in that sack ages ago.” That is why, when he saw Nanzi walk behind the herd of sheep on the street, he was flabbergasted again. “Nanzi! Aren't you suppose to be at the bottom of the ocean floor?”

“I was, Your Majesty,” Nanzi replied. But you know what; there are so many things to see down there in the sack! Like this herd of sheep. Seeing that they had no herder, I started walking behind them and gained their trust pretty quickly. At the bottom of the ocean there are so many wonderful things, like diamonds, and bags of gold. Chests of silver and other precious stones,” Nanzi told the king.

“What is that you say?” the king was intrigued. “I want to see it too!”

The king immediately demanded to his soldiers to be put in a sack and be placed in the ocean. Naturally, Shon Arei died because of this. He was never found again. Nanzi followed the soldier back to the castle, where sat once again on the late king's throne and put his crown on. He took possession of all of Shon Arei's belongings, and lived the rest of his life asking.

Story and pictures are from “Kon Nanzi a Nek Shon Arei (i otro kuantanan antiano di e araña sabi)” by Nilda Pinto.



The Bali Restaurant: a touristic hot spot and lost gem on the island

(Oranjestad)—Once located by the yacht dock in front of the Parliament building, the Bali Restaurant was once both a touristic and local hot spot, and nowadays it's considered a forgotten gem on the island.

Known as “the floating restaurant”, Bali first opened in 1955 by Willem “Bill” Strijland, who had experience in Javanese cuisine. At the time, the restaurant was pretty exclusive—with space to host only 25 guests. Yet, 4 years later, it was named the best restaurant in the Caribbean by the Caribbean Tourist Association.

The restaurant was probably most iconic for its Java-

nese-inspired exterior with its pointy, slanted roofs. However, the first version of Bali did not look like that at all but was still considered as one of the most popular restaurants on the island at the time. The restaurant saw three different owners during its existence, during which it underwent various renovations and rebranding.

In 1964, the restaurant was taken over by Karel “Carl” Schmand. Over the years, the restaurant needed constant renovation and repair, mainly due to its vulnerability to leaks and the unstable pillars underneath the foundation. However, the biggest change made to the restaurant happened in the year 1970—still under



the ownership of Schmand, when it got its iconic pointy roofs. The restaurant was also expanded to host a total of 85 guests. This was “The New Bali”, who had its official (re)opening in 1972.

After 1972, when Ronny Schmand took over, the restaurant saw yet another expansion; this time complete with a long bar and

dance floor, where guests enjoyed live music from legendary Aruban musician and composer, Toti Arends.

After 1989, the restaurant was again handed over to other owners, and since then suffered from unstable pillars underneath the foundation, resulting in various leaks and overflowing of

water into the restaurant. And as most great things come to an end, so did the survival and maintenance of the Bali Restaurant. However, folks today reminisce its legacy, and it's now considered a lost monument.

Be a part of the conversation: if you or any family member of yours have a memory of the Bali restaurant, whether it be a picture or just a story, share it with us! We would love to see this legendary hot spot through the lens of our visitors!

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Lessons from our elders: Plants and fruits for medicinal use

ORANJESTAD—Though western medicine is now widely used for common illnesses and to keep our bodies healthy and happy, it is still very common in every household in Aruba (and around the world) to have staple home remedies that is passed on through generations. Here are some tips that our elders have passed on to us over the years.

Pineapple

Pineapple has more uses than topping it on your Christmas ham. According to elders, the skin of a pineapple is great to use to refresh your body. Clean the skin thoroughly and make tea or warapa* with it. It is said that this tea can also be drank after an operation on the ovaries or uterus. This gets rid of irritation-



and inflammation.

Arrowroot

Arrowroot is native to tropical America and can be sold as a powder or whole. It is said that you can take

arrowroot powder and make a “shalup” (porridge) for stomach pain or when you're feeling weak. You can make it with milk too, but it is advised to best use just water. You can also add prunes for a bit of sweetness. Arrowroot shalup is also good to treat an unhealthy gut or for diarrhea.

To make arrowroot shalup, boil a bit of water and add one tablespoon of arrowroot powder and stir continuously until you reach porridge consistency. If you make a shalup with milk,



add a pinch of salt. Raw arrowroot powder can be used to powder babies.

Eggplant/Aubergine

Eggplants, or aubergines, are easy to find in supermarkets around the world and can be grown all year round on the island. Related to potato and tomato, eggplants are good to calm nerves. It can also be used to lower blood pressure, by steeping its leaves in boiled water and drinking it. You can also make eggplant juice to help purify your blood. However, do

make sure to drink slowly; let it mix with your spit and then swallow.

Eggplant kataplan* can also be used to treat skin tumors, abscesses and hemorrhoids. Eggplant kataplan can also be used externally to treat arthritis.

*warapa: term referring to a water and sugar solution, a.k.a simple syrup.

*kataplan: porridge-like mixture used externally for wounds or parts of the body that are painful or swollen.



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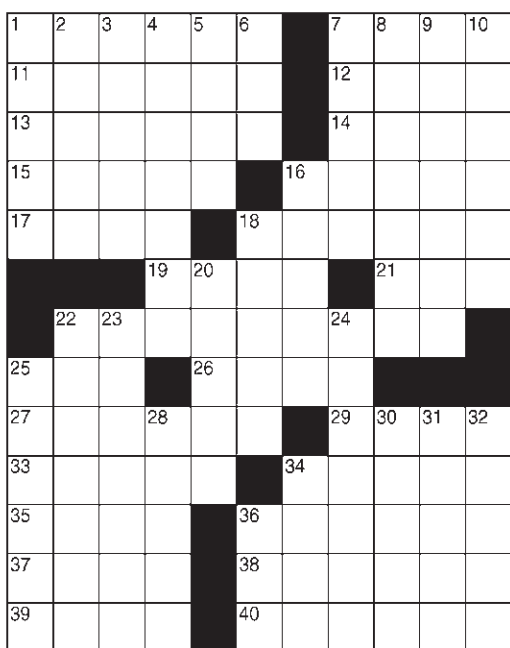
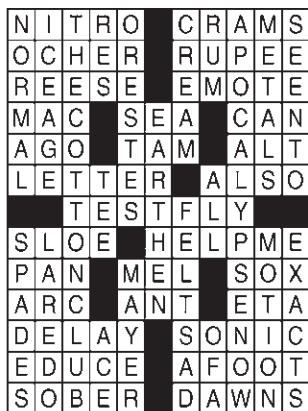
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- 16 Toys with tails
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- 19 Pull in
- 21 Relieve
- 22 Grotesque building features
- 25 Idler
- 26 Bible twin
- 27 Detaches, as a brooch
- 29 Arrests
- 33 Perfume
- 34 Asian capital
- 35 Sea dogs
- 36 Sarcastic
- 37 "Got it"
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DOWN

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- 3 Bottle size
- 4 Water source
- 5 Destroy
- 6 By now
- 7 Bike part
- 8 Do museum work
- 9 Hunting goddess
- 10 Spurred on
- 16 Lake Turkana setting
- 18 Disgusting
- 20 Operative
- 22 Magazine holder
- 23 Current measure
- 24 Nut
- 25 Make a raid, perhaps
- 28 Miniature map
- 30 Biscotti flavor
- 31 McCoy's nickname
- 32 Zodiac dozen
- 34 Take on
- 36 Butter unit



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A XYDLBAA XR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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MV QL QAPCN, DZOIOQV M QS
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— SQIXQION QNDKKA

Cryptoquote: WINTER IS NOT A SEASON; IT'S A CELEBRATION. — ANAMIKA MISHRA

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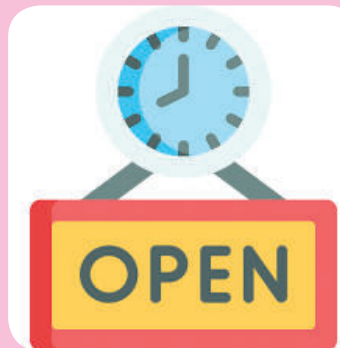
Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.



Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourists that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occur, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 8 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.



Electrical power

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku



Difficulty: ★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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3	4	5	2	9	1	7	8	6
2	9	8	6	7	3	1	5	4
5	3	9	7	4	8	6	2	1
7	2	1	5	6	9	8	4	3
4	8	6	1	3	2	5	9	7

Difficulty: ★★★★★

11/23

UN climate deal increases money to countries hit by climate change, but no explicit fossil fuel plan

By Seth Borenstein, Melina Walling and Anton L. Delgado

Associated Press
BELEM, Brazil (AP) — United Nations climate talks in Brazil reached a subdued agreement Saturday that pledged more funding for countries to adapt to the wrath of extreme weather. But the catch-all agreement doesn't include explicit details to phase out fossil fuels or strengthen countries' inadequate emissions cutting plans, which dozens of nations demanded.

The Brazilian hosts of the conference said they'd eventually come up with a road map to get away from fossil fuels working with hard-line Colombia, but it won't have the same force as something approved at the conference called COP30. Colombia responded angrily to the deal after it was approved, citing the absence of wording on fossil fuels.

The deal, which was approved after negotiators blew past a Friday deadline, was crafted after hours of late night and early morning meetings. After the deal was approved, COP30 President André Corrêa do Lago said the tough discussions started in Belem will continue under Brazil's leadership until the next annual conference "even if they are not reflected in this text we just approved."

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the deal shows "that nations can still come together to confront the defining challenges no country can solve alone." But he added: "I cannot pretend that COP30 has delivered everything that is needed. The gap between where we are and what science demands remains dangerously wide."

Deal gets mix of lukewarm praise and complaints. Many gave the deal lukewarm praise as the best that could be achieved in trying times, while others complained about the package or the process that led to its approval.



André Corrêa do Lago, COP30 president, sits as Smon Stiell, United Nations climate chief, left, speaks with other U.N. officials during a plenary session at the COP30 U.N. Climate Summit, Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025, in Belem, Brazil. (AP Photo/Andre Penner)

"Given the circumstances of geopolitics today, we're actually quite pleased with the bounds of the package that came out," said Palau Ambassador Ilana Seid, who chaired the coalition of small island nations. "The alternative is that we don't get a decision and that would have been a worse alternative."

"This deal isn't perfect and is far from what science requires," said former Ireland President Mary Robinson, a fierce climate advocate for the ex-leaders group The Elders. "But at a time when multilateralism is being tested, it is significant that countries continue to move forward together." Absent from the talks was the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump.

"This year there has been

a lot of attention on one country stepping back," U.N. climate chief Smon Stiell said, referring to the United States' withdrawal from the landmark 2015 Paris agreement. "But amid the gale-force political headwinds, 194 countries stood firm in solidarity — rock-solid in support of climate cooperation."

Some countries said they got enough out of the deal. "COP30 has not delivered everything Africa asked for, but it has moved the needle," said Jiwah Abdulai, Sierra Leone's environment minister. What really matters, he said, is "how quickly these words turn into real projects that protect lives and livelihoods."

U.K. Energy Minister Ed Miliband said the agreement was "an important step forward," but that he

would have preferred it to be "more ambitious." He added: "These are difficult, strenuous, tiring, frustrating negotiations."

Swift final push prompts complaints

The deal was approved minutes into a plenary meeting open Saturday to all nations that were present.

After the main package was approved — to applause by many delegates — angry nations took the floor to complain about other parts of the package and about being ignored as do Lago moved quickly toward approval. The objections were so strong that do Lago temporarily halted the session to try to calm things down.

Colombia's Daniela Duran Gonzalez blasted the conference's president for ignoring her, saying: "The COP of the truth cannot support an outcome that ignores science." □



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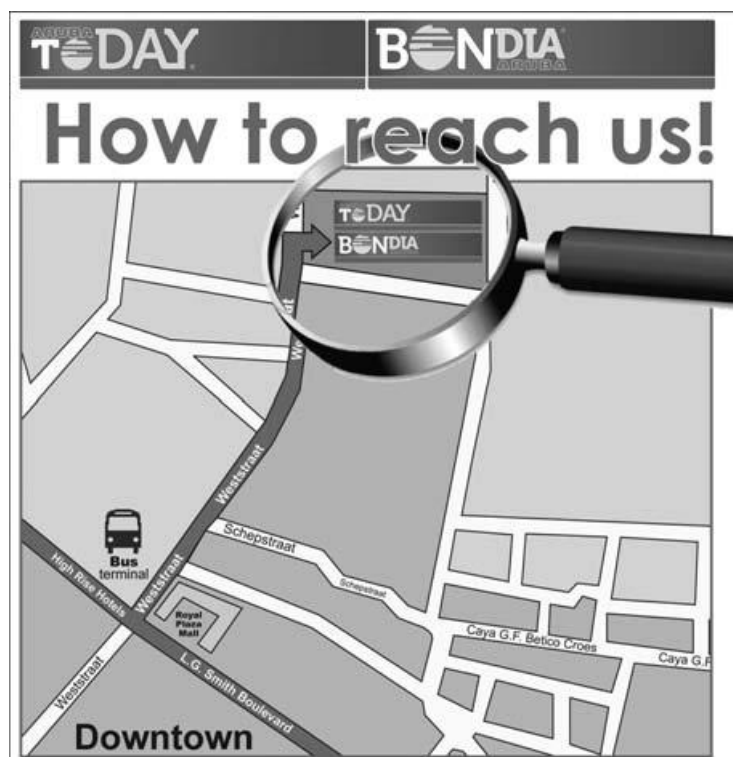
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Verstappen has 5th F1 title in reach after Norris, Piastri disqualified in Las Vegas

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press
LAS VEGAS (AP) — A fifth consecutive Formula 1 championship is within Max Verstappen's reach following the disqualifications of contenders Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri after Saturday night's Las Vegas Grand Prix.

Verstappen won the event for the second time in three years to close the gap on Norris to just 42 points with two races remaining. But three hours after the race concluded, the FIA summoned McLaren to see the stewards for failing inspection.

The measured thickness on the skid wear on the McLarens failed to meet the minimum thickness requirements. Skid wear is the wear on the protective plank on the underside of the cars, and Lewis Hamilton was disqualified for the same infraction earlier this year.

McLaren team principal Andrea Stella said the infraction stemmed from the cars bottoming out during the race at levels they did not do during practice — leading to excessive contact with the ground. Stella said the damage to both cars was "accidental" and that "the FIA noted the breach was unintentional, there was no deliberate attempt to circumvent the regulations, and mitigating circumstances also existed."

He also apologized to Norris and Piastri.

"We apologize to Lando and Oscar for the loss of points today, at a critical time in their championship campaigns after two strong performances from them all weekend," Stella said. "While this outcome is extremely disappointing, we remain fully focused on the last two races of the season."

The DQ's made for a wild swing in the standings as



First place finisher Red Bull driver Max Verstappen of the Netherlands celebrates after the Formula One Las Vegas Grand Prix auto race, Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025 in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/John Locher)

both Norris and Piastri were stripped of all points earned in Las Vegas. Norris went from 30 points up on Piastri and 42 points up on Verstappen to just 24 points up on Verstappen and Piastri, who holds the tie-breaker for second in the standings based on his win total.

Verstappen has won the last two races in Qatar, where F1 races next week, and four of the last five at Abu Dhabi, where the season will end Dec. 7.

It's an incredible comeback for the Dutchman, who seemed out of contention over the summer. Even after winning Las Vegas for the second time in three years, Verstappen wasn't thinking about the championship.

"I mean, it's still a big gap. But, you know, we always try to just maximize everything that we've got," he said three hours before the McLarens were called to see the FIA. "This weekend, that was first. The upcoming weekends we'll again try to win the race. And at the end of Abu Dhabi, we'll see where we end up."

Verstappen was by far the biggest winner in Las Vegas, an event he hated before he'd ever turned in a

lap. He won for the second time in four races, second time in three years of the Las Vegas Grand Prix as the four-time reigning Formula 1 champion continued to claw his way back into the title picture with a Saturday night victory on the streets of Las Vegas.

His displeasure with the event has stemmed from the bright spotlight promoters place on celebrities and parties instead of the actual competition. But when it comes time to get in the car, no matter how Verstappen feels about the event, he seems to excel.

"Some people like more show added. Some people like different kinds of tracks as a fan also," he said. "I also have my opinions about what I like. Some weekends I like more than others. I still like to be in Vegas, but I'm personally less of a showman. I'm not really into that probably. But I get it, you know, it's part of the calendar. If you're in Vegas, it needs to be like this."

Las Vegas was the 69th victory of Verstappen's career. It was his eighth consecutive podium, F1-record eighth win in the United States, and he beat points leader Norris by more than

20 seconds.

Verstappen started second but took control of the race in the very first turn when Norris made an aggressive move to cut in front of him at the start but wound up sliding wide of the turn in his McLaren.

"I let Max have a win," Norris lamented. "Let him go. Let him have a nice race. I just braked too late. It was my (mess) up."

Verstappen moved to the lead and George Russell darted past Norris into second.

"I made the mistake in Turn 1, that cost me," Norris said. "Sometimes a good result is second and scoring some points. I've had a good run and I think the pace was still good. Max just drove a good race and they were quick. I made the mistake in Turn 1, you know, you've got to be punchy into Turn 1."

"I was just a bit too punchy, you know, and that cost me."

It was the 150th career start for Norris, which tied the McLaren record with David Coulthard. He will become McLaren's most tenured driver next week in Qatar with his 151th start.

But after his slip in the first turn, Norris found himself stuck back in third, and teammate Piastri fared no better as the Australian lost two spots on the start to drop from fifth to seventh. The two McLaren drivers have swapped the lead in the driver standings all season.

Norris finished second before the disqualification and Russell was third. Russell moved to second.

Kimi Antonelli of Mercedes crossed the finish line in fourth but a penalty dropped him a spot to fifth, which moved Piastri to fourth before the disqualification. Antonelli is now third.

Piastri has not won since the final day of August at the Dutch Grand Prix and has just one podium finish in the seven races since. He seemed to accept that his title chances are slipping away.

"I don't really know what to think, to be honest. The first lap was eventful, to say the least," Piastri said. "It is what it is. I think I'm going to try my best, obviously, for the next two races and try to put myself in the best position possible. There's still a lot of laps left to go, a lot can still happen, but I need to make sure that I'm in the best position to capitalize if that happens."

"That's all I can do now, so I'll set my sights on that and see how we go."

The biggest mover of the race was seven-time world champion Hamilton, who qualified 20th in Ferrari's first last-place qualifying result since 2009. He actually started 19th and immediately gained six spots. Hamilton steadily picked his way through the field and finished eighth, once the disqualifications took effect. □

Washington routs UCLA 48-14 behind 4 TDs by Demond Williams Jr.

By Beth Harris
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(AP) - Demond Williams Jr. scored on two quarterback keepers and threw for two touchdowns, and Alex McLaughlin returned a fumble for a 59-yard TD to help Washington rout UCLA 48-14 on Saturday night.

The Huskies (8-3, 5-3 Big Ten) won their second game in a row for the first time since early October. It was their second win at the Rose Bowl in 30 years, having gone 1-9 in their previous 10 games.

The Huskies had red roses on their pillows Friday night. "We made the game big," coach Jedd Fisch said. "We let them know we're going to the Rose Bowl, we're going to go win this thing. These guys didn't think it was too big for them. They're just getting better and better and better."

Williams was 17-of-26 for 213 yards passing, hitting Dezman Roebuck with an 18-yard score and Decker DeGraaf with a 24-yard TD. Williams ran for TDs of 25 and 11 yards.

"Our D-line dominated up front, so it just makes it easier for us," McLaughlin said.

The Huskies piled up 212 yards rushing to 58 for UCLA. They had 25 first downs to 10 for the Bruins and were 4 of 11 on third down to 2 of 13 for UCLA.

"Our defense played outstanding," Fisch said. "They were aggressive, they were physical, they went after the ball."

The Bruins (3-8, 3-5) lost their fourth in a row, tying their season-worst skid, while playing what could have been their final regular-season game at the historic Rose Bowl because of an imbroglio between the university and the City of Pasadena involving UCLA's lease.

"It's a big-time venue," UCLA interim coach Tim Skipper said. "The main thing is just the aura of being in here and the field and all that good stuff."

UCLA quarterback Nico



Washington quarterback Demond Williams Jr. runs with the ball during the first half of an NCAA college football game against UCLA, Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025, in Pasadena, Calif. (AP Photo/Kyu-sung Gong)

lamaleava returned State while in concussion sacked for a 15-yard loss by Bryce Butler with the Bruins trailing 27-0. after missing last week's protocol only to get hurt in the third quarter. He was

The Tennessee transfer was 16-of-26 for 69 yards and no touchdowns. lamaleava also ran for 16 yards on five carries. He was replaced by Luke Duncan, who started in lamaleava's place against Ohio State. Skipper had no update on lamaleava after the game. UCLA's Cash Peterman ran for a 3-yard loss and fumbled at the Washington 41. A botched fake field goal attempt by the Bruins led to McLaughlin recovering the ball and returning it for a TD, extending the Huskies' lead to 20-0 in the second.

"I'll take the heat for it," Skipper said.

Mike Matthews scored UCLA's first TD on a 37-yard catch from Duncan late in the third. □



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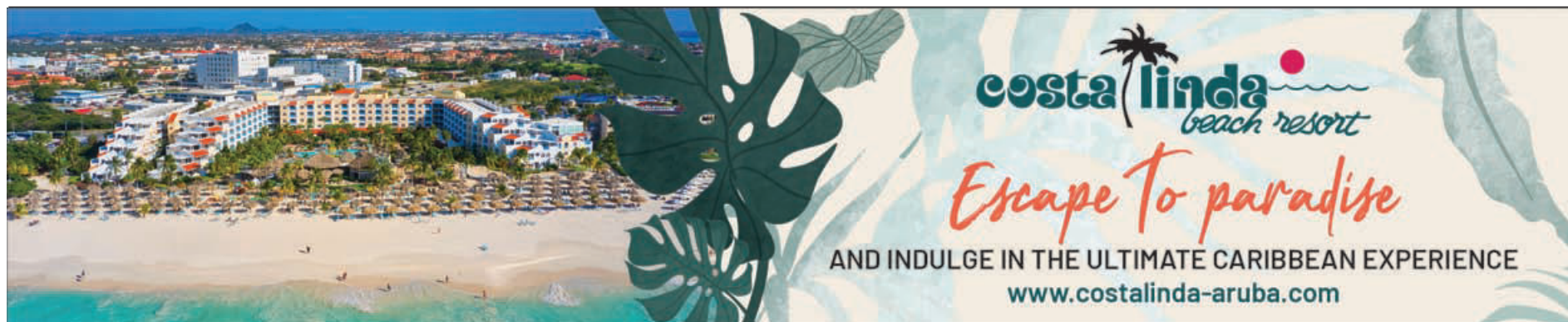


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Create precious memories in the heart of Costa Linda Beach Resort; Water's Edge Restaurant offers the complete vacation

(Palm Beach) – Consider your family dinner plans taken care of at Water's Edge. Located in the heart of the Costa Linda Beach Resort and on the shores of the world-famous Eagle Beach in Aruba, Water's Edge offers an elegant yet cozy dining experience that the entire family can enjoy. Whether you're craving Steak, Seafood, International Dishes or a bit of the Caribbean flare, Water's Edge caters to all your culinary needs, all the while offering you a cozy and flexible service with a spectacular view of Aruba's top-rated sandy beaches.

Water's Edge's new menu has a great variety of appetizers, main courses and delicious desserts all on one menu specially made just for you. From the minute you arrive there will be a great staff welcoming you with the most contagious smiles and warmth. Flexible and professional service allows you to enjoy your meal in the cool and elegant indoor dining area, on the sandy, breezy beaches of Eagle Beach or by the open bar outside. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, Water's Edge has it all for you, any time of the day. Start your day off with a hearty breakfast. Water's Edge offers a variety of



delicious breakfast items, including their house specialties of Avocado Toast, Chicken & Waffles made with homemade Belgium waffles and topped with a gorgeous hot honey sauce. If you want something on the sweeter side, try their Crème Brûlée French Toast, served with an in-house mascarpone whip cream and topped with fresh fruit and powdered sugar. Or maybe the Traditional American Breakfast is more to your liking, complete with any kind of serving of eggs, bacon, sausage and toast, served with a side of hash browns.

For lunch, keep it easy with their handheld items like their Bacon and Cheddar Burger, Mediterranean Quesadillas or Street Tacos. Want a taste of the Caribbean? Try the Grouper Reuben; A local twist to the tra-

ditional Reuben, complete with rye bread, in-house 1000 island dressing, sauerkraut and grilled grouper, served with a side of Cajun Fries.

Dinner plans are set with Water's Edge mouthwatering dinner menu. Start your gastronomic journey with a scrumptious appetizer such as the Maryland Crab Cakes, maybe the Crispy Calamari or the delectable Coconut Shrimp. You can also opt for their Water's Edge House Wedge Salad or freshly made Shrimp Louie Salad, made with poached shrimp, tossed in Louie dressing, fresh avocados and vine ripe tomatoes. For something a bit heartier, try their classic French Onion Soup, Lobster Bisque or Crab and Corn Chowder.

Follow your appetizers with your choice of Seafood, Chicken or Pasta dishes. Enjoy their succulent Shrimp and Clam Sauce with Angel Hair Pasta, a nice plate of Chicken Francese or explore the Water's Edge Fish Market—your pick of Mahi Mahi, Snapper, Grouper or Salmon, served with homemade mashed potatoes, sauce of choice and fresh herbs and vegetables.

Meat Lovers will have their fix with choices of Steak, including a Petite Filet, French Rack of Lambs or their famous 14oz pan-seared Pork finished with a fantastic apple glaze. All our steaks options are seasoned with a blend of kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper. Served with homemade mashed potatoes, seasoned vegetables and a choice of red wine reduction, green pepper-corn demi-glace, mushroom sauce, chimichurri or bacon blue cheese butter. Enjoy it with a side of fresh asparagus, seasonal vegetables, and four different types of fries. Combine your meal with your personal choice of international and exclusive wines.

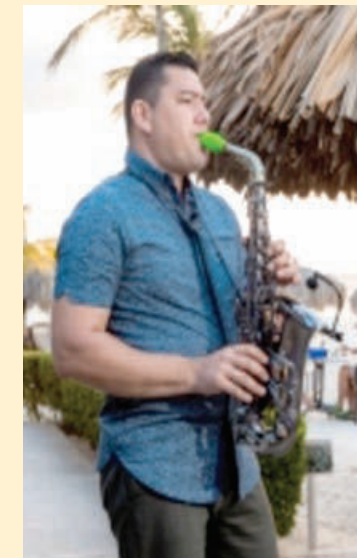
Kids will enjoy every item of the specially compiled Kids Menu and there are also optional dishes for all vegans, vegetarians and gluten-free guests.

End the culinary voyage with some luscious sweetness. Choose from a variety of dessert options, including a piece of coconut flan, NY cheesecake, carrot cake, chocolate brownie or our classic Tiramisu with kahlua and amaretto served with chocolate sauce and coffee jelly. Not to mention the

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